

Table I

CANADIANS' APPRAISAL OF THE CURRENT OVERALL STATE OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY - July 1994 to January 1997 -										
	July '94	Jan. '95	May '95	Jan. '96	Mar. '96	May '96	July '96	Sept. '96	Nov. '96	Jan. '97
CANADA										
(Weighted Bases)	(1507) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1511) (%)	(1520) (%)	(1516) (%)	(1516) (%)	(1516) (%)	(1520) (%)	(1519) (%)
Very good	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Good	40	35	43	36	39	47	47	49	53	53
Poor	46	49	45	51	48	42	43	41	37	37
Very poor	10	14	9	11	12	9	8	8	8	7
BRITISH COLUMBIA										
(Weighted Bases)	(183)	(182)	(183)	(184)	(185)	(185)	(185)	(185)	(185)	(185)
Very good	1	2	2	2	0	1	2	3	2	1
Good	41	32	45	47	51	51	54	50	60	62
Poor	41	52	43	43	40	40	38	40	31	31
Very poor	14	14	8	6	9	5	6	7	7	3
ALBERTA										
(Weighted Bases)	(134)	(135)	(135)	(136)	(137)	(136)	(136)	(136)	(137)	(136)
Very good	0	0	2	0	1	2	1	2	3	3
Good	38	35	44	37	46	51	53	71	62	73
Poor	42	51	46	56	46	39	38	24	31	19
Very poor	15	14	5	7	6	8	7	3	3	4
MANITOBA/SASKATCHEWAN										
(Weighted Bases)	(115)	(111)	(111)	(112)	(113)	(113)	(113)	(113)	(113)	(113)
Very good	2	2	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	3
Good	39	35	48	35	45	52	45	53	57	58
Poor	46	53	45	53	42	43	41	38	37	32
Very poor	13	10	8	12	10	4	12	8	6	8
ONTARIO										
(Weighted Bases)	(561)	(556)	(559)	(563)	(567)	(565)	(565)	(565)	(567)	(566)
Very good	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2
Good	44	43	47	40	41	51	49	53	55	56
Poor	47	49	43	48	48	39	42	38	36	35
Very poor	6	7	6	10	9	6	6	5	7	7
QUEBEC										
(Weighted Bases)	(386)	(385)	(385)	(388)	(390)	(389)	(389)	(389)	(390)	(390)
Very good	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	1
Good	36	25	36	26	28	35	38	35	40	41
Poor	47	46	48	56	51	49	49	49	46	48
Very poor	14	27	15	17	18	16	10	15	13	10
ATLANTIC										
(Weighted Bases)	(128)	(132)	(126)	(127)	(128)	(128)	(128)	(128)	(128)	(128)
Very good	2	1	4	2	4	2	2	4	3	2
Good	36	40	45	32	30	47	48	41	60	42
Poor	55	48	42	55	54	41	42	46	29	47
Very poor	5	10	9	8	13	10	8	7	8	9

"In terms of the current economic conditions in this country as a whole, how would you describe the overall state of the Canadian economy right now: very good, good, poor, or very poor?"

Table 2

CANADIANS' ONE-YEAR FORECAST FOR THE NATIONAL ECONOMY
- October 1987 to January 1997 -

	Oct. '87	Apr. '88	Apr. '89	Apr. '90	Mar. '91	Mar. '92	Mar. '93	Mar. '94	Mar. '95	Jan. '96	Mar. '96	May '96	July '96	Sept. '96	Nov. '96	Jan. '97
CANADA																
(Weighted Bases)	(1011) (%)	(1510) (%)	(1502) (%)	(1501) (%)	(1503) (%)	(1501) (%)	(1500) (%)	(1508) (%)	(1503) (%)	(1511) (%)	(1520) (%)	(1516) (%)	(1516) (%)	(1516) (%)	(1520) (%)	(1519) (%)
Improve	24	35	16	11	38	33	41	41	33	18	27	27	29	31	37	39
Stay the same	37	39	37	29	29	39	36	39	41	46	42	46	46	46	40	42
Get worse	33	21	45	58	31	27	21	18	25	35	29	25	24	21	22	18
BRITISH COLUMBIA																
(Weighted Bases)	(114)	(174)	(172)	(172)	(172)	(172)	(183)	(186)	(184)	(184)	(185)	(185)	(185)	(185)	(185)	(185)
Improve	24	34	20	14	38	40	41	40	28	19	28	25	29	28	37	35
Stay the same	32	40	41	41	27	27	27	36	39	42	42	48	48	47	36	47
Get worse	40	25	38	42	30	32	30	23	31	38	28	25	22	23	26	17
ALBERTA																
(Weighted Bases)	(n/a)*	(n/a)*	(n/a)*	(139)	(140)	(139)	(135)	(136)	(135)	(136)	(137)	(136)	(136)	(136)	(137)	(136)
Improve	n/a	n/a	n/a	15	30	19	34	32	36	13	38	32	34	39	47	52
Stay the same	n/a	n/a	n/a	25	37	51	29	34	40	52	42	47	44	49	39	39
Get worse	n/a	n/a	n/a	60	32	29	34	30	22	30	19	18	21	12	12	8
MANITOBA/SASKATCHEWAN																
(Weighted Bases)	(n/a)*	(n/a)*	(n/a)*	(124)	(124)	(124)	(111)	(112)	(112)	(112)	(113)	(113)	(113)	(113)	(113)	(113)
Improve	n/a	n/a	n/a	11	25	40	27	35	35	17	20	27	26	27	32	32
Stay the same	n/a	n/a	n/a	30	24	33	39	46	44	48	49	52	45	50	45	49
Get worse	n/a	n/a	n/a	54	47	26	31	16	20	35	31	20	29	21	21	18
ONTARIO																
(Weighted Bases)	(366)	(542)	(539)	(538)	(539)	(538)	(559)	(561)	(559)	(563)	(567)	(565)	(565)	(565)	(567)	(566)
Improve	23	36	17	9	42	28	46	51	38	23	29	35	34	38	44	46
Stay the same	37	37	36	23	29	32	34	38	42	44	40	40	42	42	35	35
Get worse	32	18	47	66	27	25	18	10	19	32	30	23	23	17	21	17
QUEBEC																
(Weighted Bases)	(260)	(390)	(391)	(391)	(391)	(391)	(385)	(386)	(386)	(388)	(390)	(389)	(389)	(389)	(390)	(390)
Improve	24	34	17	8	40	25	41	37	28	11	24	17	21	22	29	33
Stay the same	43	45	38	34	28	49	43	43	38	50	45	53	53	49	44	48
Get worse	26	17	40	55	28	25	13	19	31	38	29	29	25	27	27	18
ATLANTIC																
(Weighted Bases)	(94)	(140)	(137)	(137)	(137)	(137)	(127)	(128)	(126)	(127)	(128)	(128)	(128)	(128)	(128)	(128)
Improve	24	36	19	15	31	34	36	26	32	17	23	26	25	28	31	28
Stay the same	33	43	30	23	26	32	39	38	41	41	38	41	45	42	48	43
Get worse	36	19	49	59	43	32	24	36	27	42	39	33	29	29	22	29

* The survey results for this question were not split out for the prairie provinces prior to 1990.

"Thinking about the next year or so, do you yourself generally feel that the Canadian economy will improve, stay about the same, or get worse?"

Table 3

CANADIANS' ONE-YEAR FORECAST FOR THEIR PROVINCIAL ECONOMIES - April 1990 to January 1997 -													
	Apr. '90	Mar. '91	Mar. '92	Nov. '92	Nov. '93	Nov. '94	Mar. '95	Nov. '95	Mar. '96	July '96	Sept. '96	Nov. '96	Jan. '97
BRITISH COLUMBIA													
(Weighted Bases)	(172) (%)	(172) (%)	(172) (%)	(184) (%)	(183) (%)	(184) (%)	(184) (%)	(184) (%)	(185) (%)	(185) (%)	(185) (%)	(185) (%)	(185) (%)
Improve	33	37	42	35	34	38	27	33	31	33	21	20	30
Stay the same	41	37	30	34	39	41	49	47	45	41	49	38	40
Get worse	23	24	25	27	20	20	21	17	21	26	28	40	29
ALBERTA													
(Weighted Bases)	(139)	(140)	(139)	(136)	(135)	(136)	(135)	(135)	(137)	(136)	(136)	(137)	(136)
Improve	24	45	22	35	28	53	48	46	57	54	60	67	65
Stay the same	28	36	43	38	40	29	32	32	32	39	33	26	28
Get worse	45	20	32	25	28	16	18	18	11	7	6	5	7
MANITOBA/SASKATCHEWAN													
(Weighted Bases)	(124)	(124)	(124)	(111)	(111)	(112)	(112)	(112)	(113)	(113)	(113)	(113)	(113)
Improve	5	17	37	29	24	39	40	21	19	25	29	24	28
Stay the same	34	28	31	39	44	46	45	56	52	44	46	53	49
Get worse	52	53	31	29	30	12	14	19	28	31	25	21	21
ONTARIO													
(Weighted Bases)	(538)	(539)	(538)	(559)	(559)	(564)	(559)	(561)	(567)	(565)	(565)	(567)	(566)
Improve	11	42	30	25	30	43	32	32	31	37	35	40	42
Stay the same	33	30	31	35	36	40	42	31	33	36	40	33	28
Get worse	53	27	36	38	31	15	23	35	35	25	23	25	28
QUEBEC													
(Weighted Bases)	(391)	(391)	(391)	(385)	(385)	(387)	(386)	(387)	(390)	(389)	(389)	(390)	(390)
Improve	10	37	24	30	21	30	24	24	33	20	14	23	20
Stay the same	40	32	49	44	45	45	41	43	37	45	47	40	48
Get worse	45	28	25	25	31	23	32	31	29	34	37	36	32
ATLANTIC													
(Weighted Bases)	(137)	(137)	(137)	(126)	(127)	(127)	(126)	(127)	(128)	(128)	(128)	(128)	(128)
Improve	15	27	22	37	31	20	29	13	21	18	23	32	29
Stay the same	30	25	31	25	38	44	37	37	48	47	42	40	40
Get worse	53	43	44	35	29	34	32	50	30	35	34	26	29

"Do you think that the provincial economy here in (PROVINCE) will improve, stay about the same, or get worse during the coming year?"